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**REMARKS**

Telephone conferences between Examiner Vig and Dennis Smid (one of the applicant's undersigned attorney) were held on October 28, and November 1, 2004. The applicant and Mr. Smid wish to thank the Examiner for his time and consideration for such conferences.

Claims 3, 6-11, 13, 15, 17-22, and 27-36, and amended claims 1, 12, and 16 are in this application.

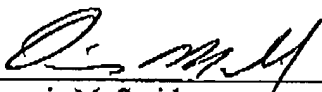
Independent claims 1, 12, and 16 have been amended herein as discussed during the October 28<sup>th</sup> and November 1<sup>st</sup> conferences.

In view of the foregoing, entry of this amendment, and the allowance of this application with claims 1, 3, 6-13, 15-22 and 27-36 are respectfully requested.

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